

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY **HOT LIST** | A SPECIAL REPORT

This week we recognize 15 law firms that accomplish great things in the realm of intellectual property law. We asked our readers to suggest firms that won major cases during 2014—both in dollars and impact—and received dozens of replies. We also conducted our own extensive research to identify the firms you'll find profiled here. They range from major firms with 1,000 or more lawyers to smaller shops that do IP law exclusively.



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MATTHEW MOORE

Latham & Watkins

At Latham & Watkins, the intellectual property litigation practice is built around first-chair lawyers, a strategy that consistently yields high-profile wins.

"Many IP litigation groups are centered around one main person," said Matthew Moore, a Washington-based partner who serves as global co-chairman of the practice. "We have a team of at least 10 first-chair litigators who love to work together to get the best results for our clients."

Last year, Latham obtained dismissal of five patent infringement claims involving banking technologies against client Capital One Financial Corp. by Intellectual Ventures LLC, one of the world's largest patent holders. Moore argued in this bellwether case that the plaintiff's patents violated Section 101 of the Patent Act, which holds that abstract

ideas are not patentable.

Latham obtained judgments of invalidity in two cases for longtime client Jaguar Land Rover North America LLC.

"We keep coming back to this team because we can't find one better in terms of their expertise, efficiencies, experience and knowledge of our business," said Anna-Lisa Corrales, the client's general counsel.

Latham also secured victories for Par Pharmaceutical Inc., Freddie Mac, Cross Match Technologies Inc. and others. It obtained a \$75 million, postappeal settlement from the U.S. government for infringement of client Honeywell International Inc.'s patents for night vision goggles.

The firm also scored a huge jury trial win for client InterDigital Communications Inc. against ZTE Corp. for infringing on patents covering mobile phone devices that use 3G and 4G wireless technology. Moore credits their success to the team's talent and the strong chemistry among the four first-chair litigators trying the case. "When you put together a team like that, first and foremost it gets their client great results."

—LAURA CASTRO

FIRM FACTS:

- Year founded: 1934 ■ Headquarters or Largest Office: New York
- Total attorneys: 2,197 ■ IP partners: 35 ■ IP associates: 66